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Case Docket No.: P8064-8002
Date: September 24, 1998

In re the application of:

Muhammed MAJEED et al

Serial No.: 09/005,594

Group Art Unit: 1615

Filed: January 12, 1998

For: USE OF PIPERINE AS A BIOAVAILABILITY ENHANCER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

— No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA
TOTAL	60	MINUS	35	25
INDEP.	8	MINUS	3	5
— FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM				
	RATE	ADDIT. FEE	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
	x11=	275	x22=	00
	x41=	205	x82=	00
	+130=	00	+270=	00
	TOTAL	480		00

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Respectfully submitted,
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 - 35 without prejudice or disclaimer, and add new claims 36
95 as follows:

~~1~~ 36. A method of increasing nutrient bioavailability in a ~~patient~~ ^{subject} desiring such an increase, comprising administering to said patient a nutritionally effective amount of at least one nutritional material and a bioavailability enhancing amount of piperine.

~~2~~ 37. A method as recited in claim 36, wherein said piperine comprises at least one member selected from the group consisting of synthetically made piperine, extract from

09/28/1998 RMB back to piperine 36 extract from piper longum. 1

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